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MEMORANDUM FOR THE NSC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Cuba

The Secretary of State suggests that a paragraph along the following lines be added to the draft instruction to Ambassador Stevenson and Mr. McCloy, which has already been forwarded to NSC EXCOMM members. It would be placed between paragraph 3 and paragraph 4 of the present draft:

"4. Our attitude toward the final phase of these negotiations is necessarily related to the apparent intentions of Soviet activities in Cuba. We are deeply concerned at evidence that the Soviets are digging in with substantial military equipment and personnel, and will therefore be in a position to continue to use Cuba as a Soviet base for aggression against Latin America. We had thought our lively concern about any remaining substantial Soviet military presence in Cuba had been made amply clear in the correspondence between President Kennedy and Chairman Khrushchev. So long as a substantial Soviet military presence remains in Cuba, we see no advantage to trying to create the impression of full US-USSR agreement on Cuba, and no basis for moving toward a verbal compromise that would play down our firm intention to be vigilant."

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Authority ALJ 8-4-6 ~~Approved~~
By me NARS, Date 3-12-85

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